Forest Service

Fremont-Winema National Forest

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Date: July 29, 2014

Dear Prospective Offeror:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at the Klamath Falls Office, 2819 Dahlia St., Suite A, Klamath Falls, OR, 97601 no later than 10:00 AM local time on or before September 11, 2014 for the Fort II Stewardship Contract. The contract area is located within T. 33 S., R. 7 E.; Sec.19, 29, 30, 31 and 32; T. 33 S., R. 7.5 E. Sec. 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 35 and 36; T.34 S., R. 7.E., Sec. 18 and 19; W.M. Surveyed, Klamath County, Oregon. Contract Form FS-2400-13 will be used. The termination date for this contract is Dec 31, 2017.

PRE-OFFER MEETING: A pre-offer conference will be held for prospective offerors at 9:00 a.m. August 5, 2014 at the Chemult Ranger District, 110500 Highway 97 N, Chemult, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to go through the Integrated Resource Timber Contract, explain the Best Value award process and requirements for both the price and technical proposals, and explain/review the requirements of the stewardship restoration projects.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and completion of one Mandatory and five Optional Stewardship projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Fremont-Winema National Forest. The contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of stewardship work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor. The mandatory and optional projects are shown below:

Project #	Mandatory(M) or Optional (O)	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
001	М	Cut, Skid and Deck	Acres	1437
002	О	Hand Thinning	Acres	872
003	О	Machine Piling of Slash	Acres	872
004	О	Mastication of conifer Plantations< 8.0"	Acres	102
005	O	Mastication of Brush, Natural Fuels, and Trees < 3.9"	Acres	565
006	0	Mastication of Brush, Natural Fuels, and Trees < 8.0"	Acres	16

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity in this contract is 58,546.00 Tons. The Forest Service encourages potential Offeror to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

							Required Deposits	
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH	Minimum Advertised Rate	Base Rate	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Lodge Pole and Other Coniferous Species	Sawtimber	Ton	33,315.00	12.1	\$13.50	.31	.52	0.00
Ponderosa Pine	Sawtimber	Ton	25,231.00	12.1	13.50	.31	.52	0.00
Landing Piles and Decks	Grn Bio Cv	Ton			.01	.01		0.00
	Total	Ton	58,546.00			•	\$30,545.84	0.00

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$790,317.00 for biddable species. Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the bidder whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. The Government may, when in its best interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

Parties submitting a technical proposal are to use the Region 6 Technical Proposal Template for the Integrated Resource Timber Contract in responding to included evaluation criteria. Contractors can submit Alternative Technical Proposals for this project. However, the Contractor must submit a Technical Proposal that addresses the evaluation criteria as stated in addition to submitting the alternate proposal.

Offerors must submit a proposal that meets all requirements specified in the sample contract. No alternate proposals will be accepted.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, bid form, bid amendment, and the Stewardship projects, please write or call the Chiloquin Ranger District, 38500 Highway 97 N, Chiloquin, Oregon (541-783-4001), or the Fremont-Winema N.F. Supervisors Office, 1301 S. G St., Lakeview, OR (541-947-6249), or calling Contracting Officer Judd Lehman at 541-891-1202. A copy of the bid form, bid amendment form, prospectus, sample contract, and contract area map may be viewed on the Forest's webpage at http://www.fs.usda.gov/fremont-winema. Additionally, the shapefiles for the Subdivision Boundaries are available upon request at the numbers and addresses listed above. Sincerely,

/S/ JUDD LEHMAN

JUDD LEHMAN Contracting Officer